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	Aamer S. Ahmed		3763	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 24 and 35-43 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23, 25-34 and 44-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Applicant's amendments to claim 8 and 16 to provide proper antecedent basis has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7, 9-23, 25-29, 31-33 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sahota et al (US 5,537,608) or Fuller et al (US 6,139,571). Sahota et al (Figure 1) and Fuller et al (Figure 1) both disclose a device for localized contact of a fluid to a target site (Fuller et al, Col. 3 Line 50- Col. 4, line 42) comprising a fluid delivery element, a porous region, and an aspiration element (Sahota et al Col. 1 line 47-Col. 2 line 38).

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 8, 21, 29-31 and 33-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Briskin (US 6,228,046). Briskin discloses a device (Figure 2A) comprising a fluid delivery

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element, an aspiration element, and an external energy application element application element that is of sonic energy (Col. 3, Line 115-Col. 5. Line 15).

Claims 44-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Constantz et al (6,488,671). Constantz et al teaches a system and a kit (Figures 1-4) for use in delivering a fluid to a target site (Col. 2 Lines 8-22)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claim 54 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sahota et al (US 5,370,608) or Fuller et al (US 6,139,571) in view of Chia et al (US 5,913,856). Sahota et al or Fuller et al describe the device as described above in reference to claim 1. Neither Sahota et al or Fuller et al explicitly disclose that the porous region has a porosity ranging from about 20 to 1,000 microns. Chia et al (US 5,913,856) discloses a similar device comprising a porous region having porosity within about 20 to 1,000 microns (Chia et al Col. 5 line 33). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill at the time of invention by applicant to modify the device as described by either Sahota et al or Fuller et al by incorporating a porous region of the type taught by Chia et al in order to achieve appropriate fluid flow ranges (Chia Col. 5 line 40).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed Jul7 18, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant states that none of the prior art discloses a porous region at the end through which fluid must flow to the contact site. Examiner respectfully disagrees. Examiner finds that the Merriam-Webster online dictionary has several definitions of the word "porous". Among the several definitions, Examiner finds one to be "permeable to fluids". Accordingly, Examiner

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maintains that the devices of all of the prior art do indeed disclose a porous region at the end of through which fluid must flow to the contact site.

Applicant also states that Claim 54 was not included in any rejection in the last office action. However Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 54 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

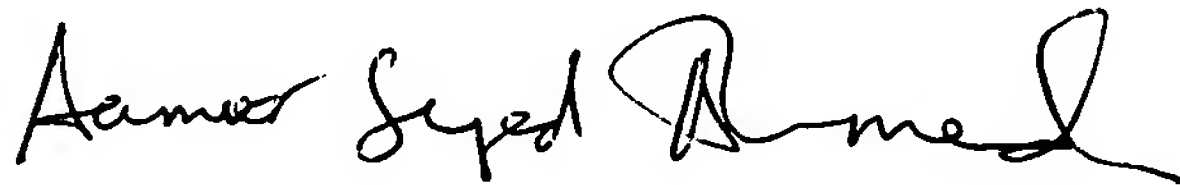
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US 6132405 A	Nilsson; Christer et al.
US 6024739 A	Ponzi; Dean M. et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aamer S. Ahmed whose telephone number is 571-272-5965. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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